2. Government Order No. M. 7972-74—Med. 242-48-6, dated 8th August 1950, requesting the committee constituted in Government Orders dated 7th August 1950 and 14th April 1952 referred to above, to suggest a procedure for recovering in-patient fees in the hospitals.

3. Letter No. G.C. 439-5, dated 14th June 1952, from the Senior Surgeon, forwarding for orders of Government the proceedings of the meeting of the Committee constituted in Government Orders dated 7th August 1950 and 14th April 1952 read above.

ORDER No. M. 16841-3—MED. 68-52-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 14TH NOVEMBER 1952.

The Committee constituted in Government orders dated 7th August 1950 and 14th April 1952 read above have suggested the following procedure in regard to recovery of in-patient fees:

(i) An advance of 10 days' hospital stoppage charges should invariably be recovered at the time of admission from patients liable to pay such charges in the General and Special wards.

(ii) At the expiry of the 10 days' period another advance of 10 days' hospital charges should be recovered if the patient continues to remain in the hospital.

(iii) If a patient in a Special Ward does not pay the further advance, the Medical Officer will have powers either to discharge the patient according to rules or to transfer the patient to a general ward at his discretion.

(iv) At the time of admission of each paying patient, he or his guardian must give a declaration in writing to the effect that the ward and other charges shall be paid by them and that in default the same may be recovered as an arrear of land revenue.

(v) All hospital charges must be paid fully before the patient is discharged.

To work the rules more effectively and to realise all hospital charges the Committee resolved that Government be requested to treat the arrears of hospital charges as arrears of land revenue and to empower the Revenue Officers to collect the same as land revenue arrears and credit the amount to the Treasury under intimation to the Medical Officer concerned.

If the patients do not pay the Special Ward charges, the patient be discharged immediately on the expiry of the period for which the advance is paid and the patient should take his turn in the waiting list for admission to the general wards.

The procedure suggested by the Committee in regard to the recovery of in-patient fees in the hospitals is approved with the following modifications:

(*a*) The charges for operations have to be recovered in advance as also 10 days' ward charges.

(*b*) If the patient fails to deposit the charges, he will be admitted to general ward and if the case shows that he is able to pay the charges as per rules, the same may be recovered as an arrear of land revenue.

(*c*) The Medical Officer in-charge may exempt from the recovery of ward charges and operation and other charges in advance as also out-patient fee where he considers the person who has to pay is trustworthy and also executes an agreement agreeing to the recovery of the dues as an arrear of land revenue.

G. N. NAGARAJA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Home and Revenue Departments.

Reviews the Administration Report of the Medical Department for the calendar year 1951.

READ—

Letter No. G.C. 281, dated 25th September 1952, from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, forwarding the Annual Report of the Medical Department for the year 1951.

ORDER No. M. 18811-2—MED. 75-52-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 10—15TH DECEMBER 1952.

Recorded.

There were 493 Medical Institutions in the State at the end of the year 1951 as against 490 at the end of the previous year. Nine institutions were added during the year and six Military Medical Institutions were disbanded during the